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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2006 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20061006). This response is filed with a petition for a three-month's extension of time and therefore this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.